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In re Application of:)
Atkinson et al.)
Serial No.: 09/864,339)
Filed: May 25, 2001)
For: Reduced Energy Blasting)
Agent and Method)

Examining Group No. 3641
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Final Action dated June 26, 2003, the
following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted:

AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 13-14 as follows:

13. (amended) A method according to claim ~~12~~ 10 wherein the aqueous solutions contain solutes selected from the group consisting of inorganic oxidizer salts, urea, glycols and inorganic acids.

14. (amended) A method according to claims ~~12 or 13~~ 10 wherein the gassing agents are added in amounts sufficient to reduce the density of the emulsion blasting agent to a range of from about 0.60 g/cc to about 1.30 g/cc.